



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7528.0003-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
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Todd J. Mortier et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
)  
Application No.: 09/981,790 ) Examiner: D. Willse  
)  
Filed: October 19, 2001 )  
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For: VALVE TO MYOCARDIUM ) Confirmation No.: 6743  
TENSION MEMBERS DEVICE )  
AND METHOD )

**Attention: Mail Stop Appeal Brief-Patents**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time from the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated November 22, 2005, to file an Appeal Brief. A fee of \$65.00 for a small entity is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter the enclosed Appeal Brief and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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